GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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INDO- US CO- OPERATION IN ENVIRONMENT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to establish cooperation with the USA in the environment sector; and

(b) if so, the areas in the environment sector identified therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b): Government of India has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Environment Protection Agency in the year 2002 under which bilateral cooperation is going on in various environmental sectors such as Air and Water Quality Management, Management of Toxic Chemicals and Hazardous Wastes, Pollution Prevention and Control, Environmental Governance, Environmental Monitoring and Assessment etc. Recently, on 2nd April, 2007 the Memorandum of Understanding has been extended further by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and the USEPA by mutual consent for a further period of five years.